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Identical letters dated 3 August 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I should like to transmit to you two statistical tables (see annex) that set out the following:

- Initial estimates of the losses resulting from attacks carried out by the so-called international coalition against oil and gas facilities in the Syrian Arab Republic in the period from 1 April 2017 to 15 July 2017.
- Initial estimates of the overall losses resulting from attacks carried out by the so-called international coalition against oil and gas facilities in the Syrian Arab Republic from 23 September 2014, the date on which that coalition began its unlawful military operations, to 15 July 2017.

My country's Government has informed the Council on numerous occasions that the repeated bombings being carried out by the warplanes of the so-called international coalition led by the United States of America continue to cause significant damage and the near-total destruction of Syrian oil and gas installations. These repeated bombings are part of a deliberate and systematic operation to destroy oil and gas facilities, sites and infrastructure in the Syrian Arab Republic.

The aerial bombardment carried out by aircraft of the so-called coalition under the pretext of countering terrorism continues to take the lives of innocent Syrian civilians, destroy infrastructure and installations and cause enormous financial losses, in excess of tens of billions of dollars, to the Syrian economy. The bombings have also cut off or limited the access of Syrian civilians to a number of services, most notably power, heating, transportation, food and medicine.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic once again calls on the Security Council to fulfil its responsibilities and condemn these systematic acts of destruction and put an end to the damage and destruction being caused by this coalition. The Government stresses that any international efforts aimed at countering terrorism must, in the first place, respect the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of the Syrian Arab Republic, and that such efforts must be carried out in full cooperation with the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic and in full compliance with the relevant Security Council resolution, particularly resolution 2253 (2015). It furthermore stresses that the Governments of the States members of the illegitimate coalition will bear the political, moral, legal and material responsibility for the systematic acts of destruction and killing that are

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committed by its military forces operating in the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic within the framework of that illegitimate coalition.

I should be grateful if the present letter and the annexed tables could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Bashar **Ja'afari**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex to the identical letters dated 3 August 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Tables of initial estimates of cumulative damages resulting from the bombing by the air force of the so-called Western coalition of oil and gas installations from 23 September 2014 to 15 July 2017

Amount of damages to active and other associated companies assessed recently for the period from 1 April 2017 to 15 July 2017

				Amount of losses (United States dollars)		
Company	*Date*	*Location bombed*	*Losses and damage sustained*	*Direct*	*Indirect losses (from burning of oil and gas)*	*Total*
Furat Petroleum Company	23 April 2017	Main station at the Umar field	The bombing resulted in the destruction of oil export tanks T-317 and T-321; the capacity of each tank is approximately 75,000 barrels.	10 800 000	–	10 800 000
Total losses				**10 800 000**	**–**	**10 800 000**

Cumulative damages assessed from the start of the bombings on 23 September 2014 to 15 July 2017

	Amount of losses (United States dollars)		
Initial estimates of losses sustained at the oil and gas installations of all companies in the Syrian Arab Republic as result of the bombings carried out by the air force of the so-called Western coalition, estimated from the onset of the bombings to 15 July 2017	*Direct*	*Indirect (from production delays or burning of oil and gas)*	*Total*
In 2014	521 330 048	22 280 985	543 611 033
In 2015	1 015 001 533	112 256 257	1 127 257 790
In 2016	125 554 200	45 507	125 599 707
In 2017	720 449 912	–	720 449 912
Total	**2 382 335 693**	**134 582 749**	**2 516 918 442**
Grand total		**2 516 918 442**	